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Kennedy Hails McCone As New CIA Director

President Kennedy today welcomed John A. McCone back into Federal service after the Los Angeles industrialist was sworn in as director of the Central Intelligence Agency in a White House ceremony.

Chief Justice Warren administered the oath of office before a group of high Administration officials including retiring CIA Director Allen W. Dulles.

The President emphasized the importance of the post and said of Mr. McCone:

"He has not only the responsibility as director of CIA, but also co-ordinating the work of all the intelligence community . . . upon which so much of our security depends."

"We want to welcome you here and to say that you are now living on the bull's eye, and I welcome you to that spot."

Mr. McCone said he appreciated the confidence the President had expressed in him by the appointment. He said he was not unmindful of the difficulty of following in the foot-

steps of Mr. Dulles and added:

"However, I am encouraged and given hope by the fact that within the last few weeks I have come to know a great many people in the CIA, and I find them men of both great dedication and unusual ability."

The White House, meanwhile, released an exchange of letters between the President and Mr. Dulles in which the President praised the retiring director for his outstanding service. The President flew by helicopter to the CIA headquarters yesterday to award Mr. Dulles the National Security Medal.

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